

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Chippenham Community Area Board
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1. Neighbourhood Policing

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Chippenham Rural North Team

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2. Police Authority Representative: Mr Christopher CASWILL

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

3. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

In summary there have been notable successes with anti-social behaviour concerns at Wood Lane, Chippenham. A partnership approach with the ASB reduction officers and Neighbourhood watch has increased NHW presence in the area with the benefits of a reduction in the number of incidents and increased confidence in the Policing response.

Late night drinking and the night time economy feature as a Policing priority. We have instigated regular debriefing sessions with the local nightclubs/ pubs where incidents of disorder are recorded. My hope is that any learning points can be addressed quickly and efficiently to everyone's benefit to help prevent problems in the future and maintain the safe environment that already exists.

Bath road car park has seen a reduction in the number of calls of anti-social behaviour. We have recently adopted Operation ELAVON to more efficiently Police the area and we welcome the improvement in the behaviour of late night users of the car park that we have recorded – car drivers have been spoken to - to try to educate them as to the consequences of their actions and where motoring offences have been identified they have been reported accordingly. There may well be further random incidents that take place and If incidents are reported they will receive a robust response.

Chippenham Neighbourhood watch led by Gwyn COMLEY have received recognition for their enthusiasm and good working practices in a regional award. I very much welcome their contribution – if anyone considers an opportunity exists to increase their presence then please visit www.wiltshire.police.uk or contact 0845 408 7000 to find out how to set up a scheme in your area.

I have copied a report from PC BARHAM regarding the policing of the rural north area as follows:

Chippenham Rural (covering Biddestone, North Wraxall, Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Langley Burrell, Stanton St Quinton, Kington St Michael, Kington Langley, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford, Burton, Grittleton, Hullavington and Seagry).

The last report mentioned NHW in Biddestone and their success in locating a number of stolen staddle stones. I am pleased to report that these have now been identified and returned to their rightful owner in the Kington Langley area.

ASB incidents in Kington Langley have reduced after ongoing work with the families involved.

A recent issue in Hullavington with ASB by youths has been addressed by intervention of the NPT team. Meetings were held with parents and youths involved in ASB and shoplifting offences. They were given verbal warnings about their behaviour and the positive action we would be taking against them in future. To-date ASB reports have stopped after this positive intervention.

A vulnerable individual in Hullavington who attracted other individuals to their address resulting in long term drunken and ASB behaviour was finally moved into a care home after partnership work with social services and their family. This was a good result both for the individual and the community.

There have been reports of ASB and damage in Castle Combe during late evenings; this will be patrolled by NPT and GPD Officers.

Across the Chippenham rural area Traffic Police Officers have issued nine fixed penalty notices for a variety of offences, sixteen vehicles were seized for having no valid insurance.

Three males were arrested found in a vehicle with a quantity of drugs for possession with intent to supply.

The NPT Team continues to carry out the published street meetings, in some villages attendance is very good, whilst in others no-one attends.

We ask for your help in this matter and pass the word around. Details are published on the Wiltshire Police website and flyers published by the Parish councils. Flyers will also be sent out to the NHW.

Contact is also made in the villages that the mobile library visits each month. This is a good local point of contact and allows for minor issues to be reported or discussed that do not require more formal action.

We also attend meetings/clubs or coffee mornings if invited and able to do so. This is another good opportunity to meet a broader cross section of the community.

If you have a group or club you wish us to visit, please use the contact details published below;

Contact details - Telephone 0845 408 7000 ext 733 817

4. Performance – Crime & Detections (please refer to Table 1 below)

- Total crime for the period 1st Feb 2009 to 31st January 2010 (2,780) was very similar to that in the same period for the previous year (2,773)
- The main crime types that have shown decreases are: Violence Against a Person (-23 crimes or -3.6%); Non-Dwelling Burglary (-33 crimes or -20.2%) and Theft of Motor Vehicle (-41 or -51.9%).
- The main crime types that have shown increases are: Dwelling Burglaries (+28 crimes or +36.4%) and Criminal Damage (+98 or 16.2%)
- The main area for concern is the increase in reported dwelling burglaries particularly in the Town. There was a marked increase during the period April – July that resulted in significant additional police resources being dedicated to combat the problem. This was successful and offences dropped to an average of 4 per month. November has seen another sharp increase and once again police activity has increased in an effort to catch and convict the offenders and also to prevent/reduce the level of offending.

There are 2 areas where all the community can help.

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden. Double-check that doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed.

In addition Neighbourhood watch areas often see an improvement in local crime. Is your area covered by a Neighbourhood watch area? – If not and you would like to discuss further then please contact Wiltshire Police on: 0845 408 7000.

Table 1: Monitoring Crime & Detections Feb 08 to Jan 2009 & Feb 09 to Jan 10

	CRIME				DETECTIONS		
	Feb 08 - Jan09	Feb 09 - Jan10	+ /-	% Change	Feb 08 - Jan09	Feb 09 - Jan10	% Change
Chippenham	2008/09	2009/10			2008/09	2009/10	
Violence Against the Person	638	615	-23	-3.6%	59.1%	59.5%	0.4%
Dwelling Burglary	77	105	28	36.4%	18.2%	23.8%	5.6%
Criminal Damage	605	703	98	16.2%	12.4%	12.9%	0.5%
Non Dwelling Burglary	163	130	-33	-20.2%	8.0%	10.0%	2.0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	155	159	4	2.6%	12.9%	12.6%	-0.3%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	79	38	-41	-51.9%	35.4%	26.3%	-9.1%
Total Crime	2773	2780	7	0.3%	30.2%	31.6%	1.4%

5. Abstraction Rate Performance:

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for Chippenham Community Area for January are:

MONTH	JAN 2010
Sgt - % of time on NPT duties	82.3%
CBM - % of time on NPT area	84.2%
PCSO - % of time on NPT area	93.3%

Inspector Pain
Area Commander